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Temporal variations and influencing factors of atmospheric CO₂ concentration in Meiliang Bay of Lake Taihu

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1 Significance & Purposes

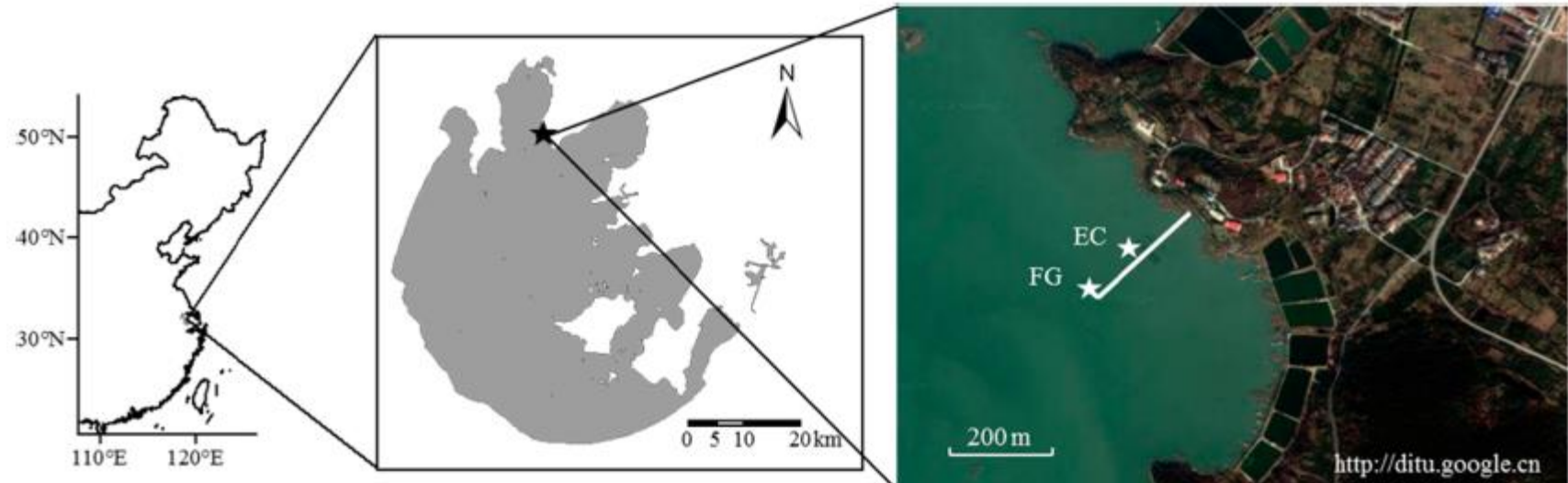
- Atmospheric CO₂ concentration has increased by nearly **50%** in less than 300 years (zhang et al.,2010).
- Inland lakes are important components in greenhouse gas cycling.
- Subject to observation techniques, there is less researches on inland lakes. Previous researches, with manual measurements leave much to be desired (Ji et al. 2006).
- Researches on Meiliang Bay (MLW) of Lake Taihu promote the understanding of gas exchange at lake-air interface.

1 Significance & Purposes

Investigate the temporal variations in atmospheric CO₂ concentration and the main influencing factors at MLW site.

2 Materials & Methods

2.1 Site description



(xaio et al., 2014)



2 Materials & Methods

2.2 Data collection

Which one ?

Atmospheric CO₂ concentration: *WS-CRDS & NDIR*

T_a and RH: an air temperature and humidity probe
(model HMP155A; Vaisala, Inc., Helsinki, Finland)

Radiation(DSR, L_u, L_d): a four-way net radiometer
(model CNR4, Kipp & Zonen B. V., Delft, the Netherlands)

Wind direction: a sonic anemometer/thermometer
(model CSAT3, Campbell Scientific Inc., Logan, Utah)

Precipitation: Wuxi station (120.19E, 31.35N)

$$T_w = \left(\frac{(L_u - (1 - \varepsilon)L_d)}{\varepsilon\sigma} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} VPD = 0.611(1 - RH) * e^{\frac{17.502T_a}{T_a + 240.97}}$$

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2.2 Data collection

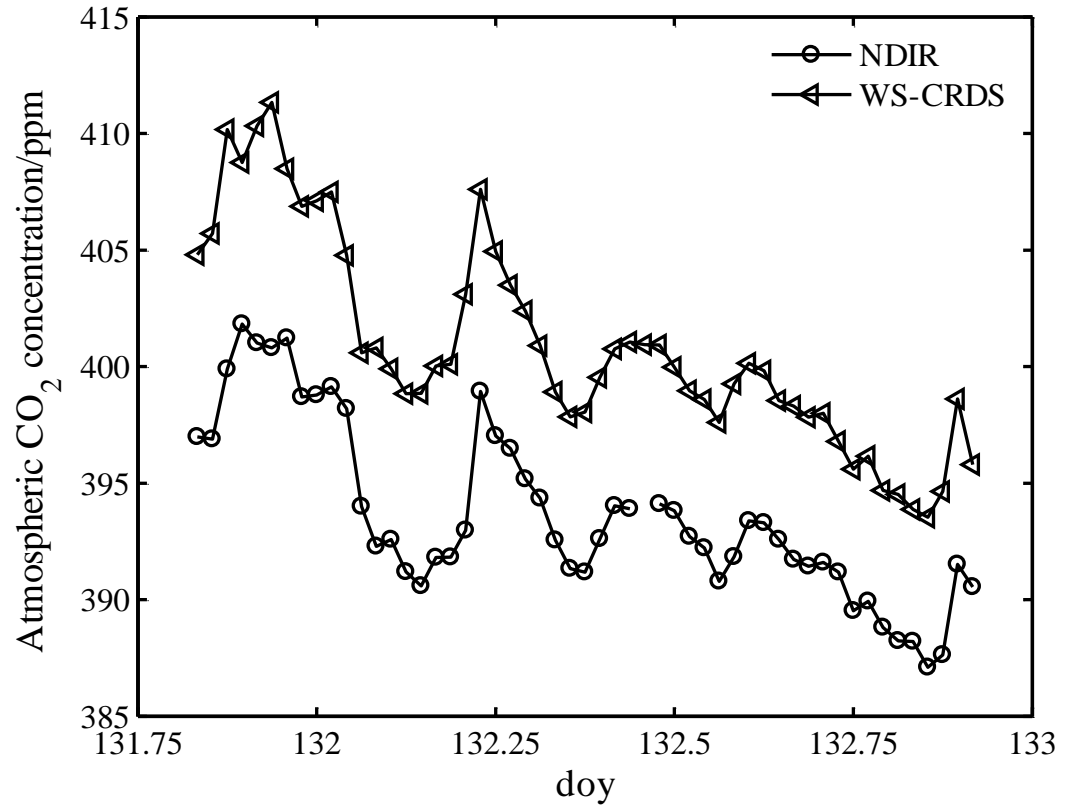
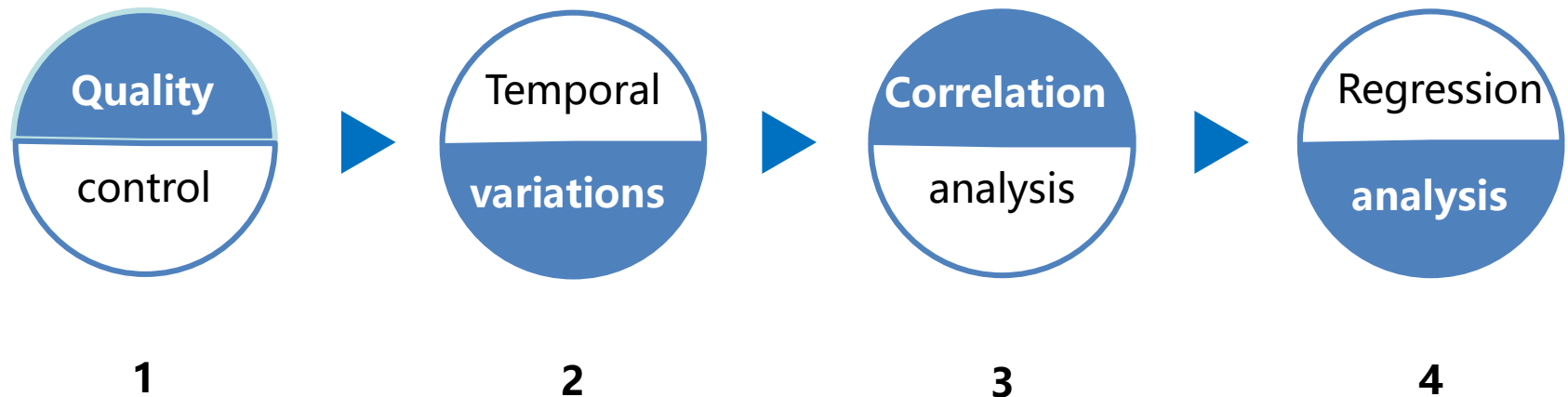


Fig. 1. Comparison between WS-CRDS and NDIR (11-12May 2015) when the wind came from the open water (wind direction 180–270°).(xiao et al., 2014)⁷

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2.3 Method



3 Results & Discussion

3.1.1 Diurnal variation

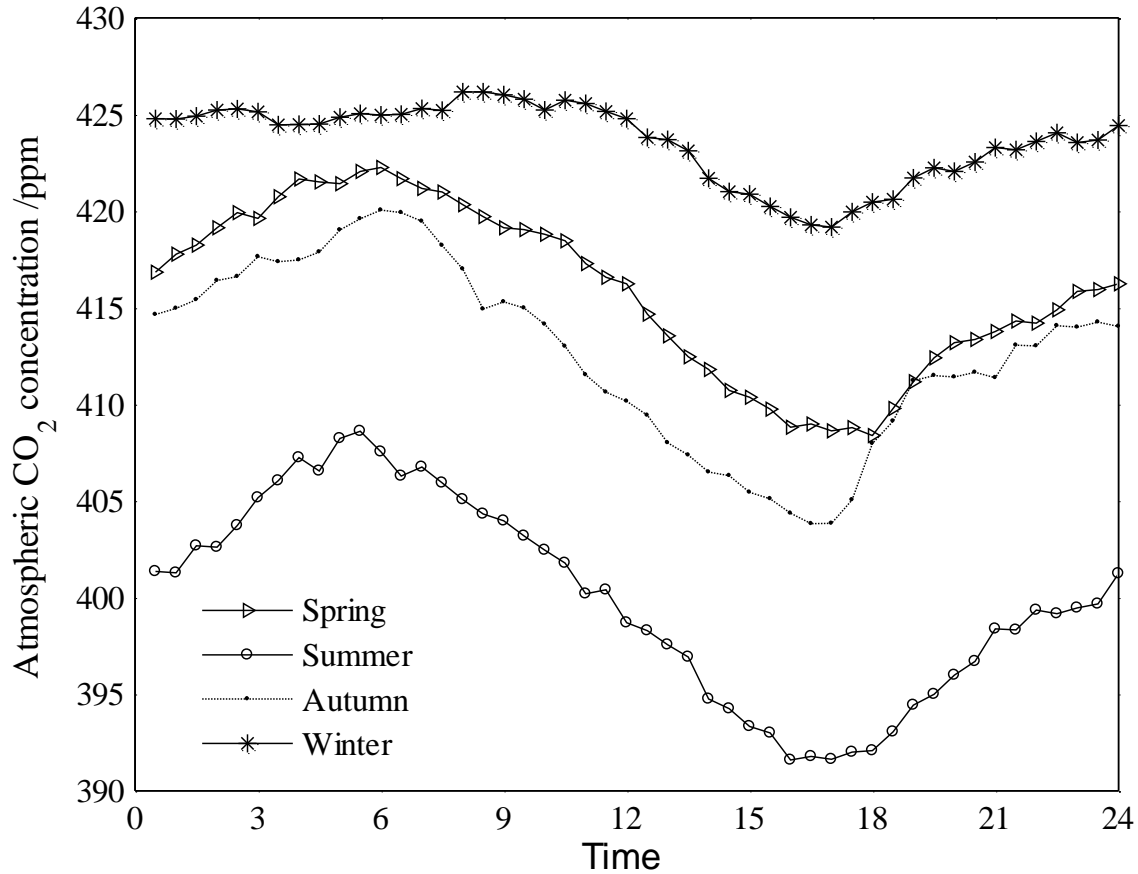


Fig. 2. Diurnal variations of atmospheric CO₂ concentration at MLW (Dec 2012-Nov 2015)

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3.1.1 Diurnal variation

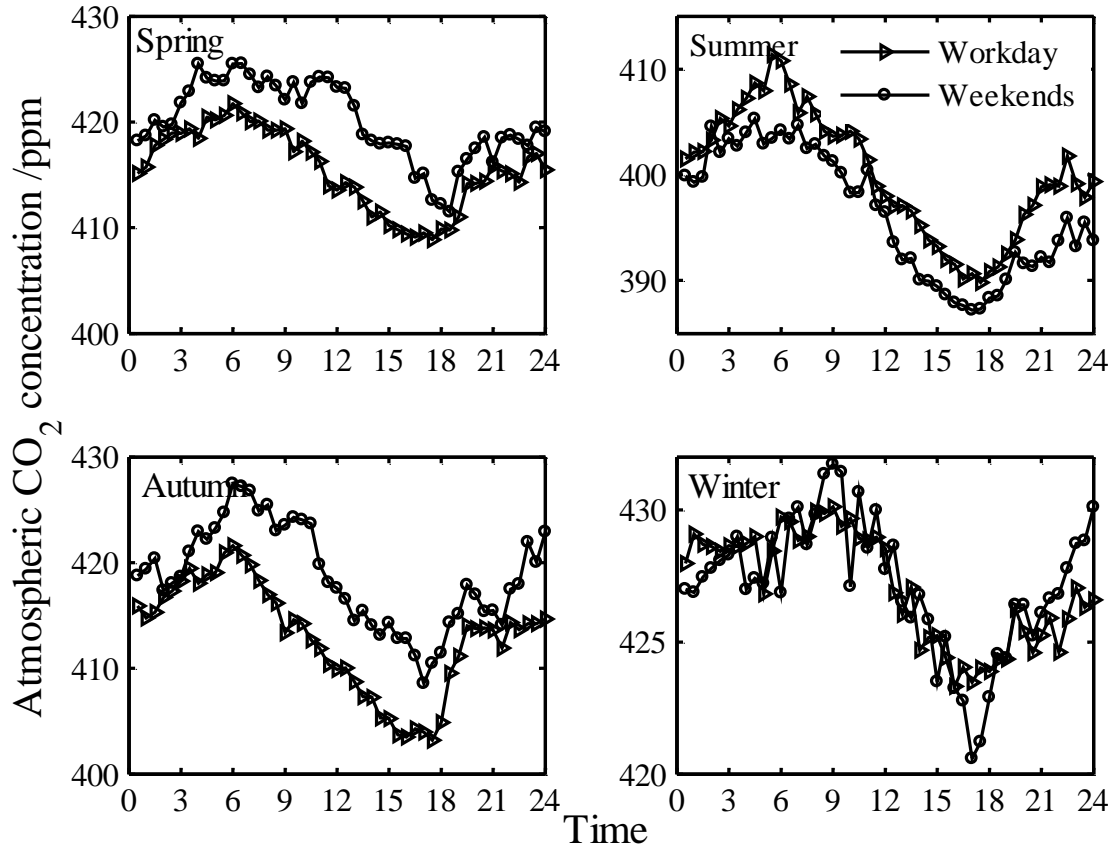


Fig. 3. Different diurnal variations of atmospheric CO₂ concentration on workday and weekends at MLW (2015)

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3.1.1 Diurnal variation

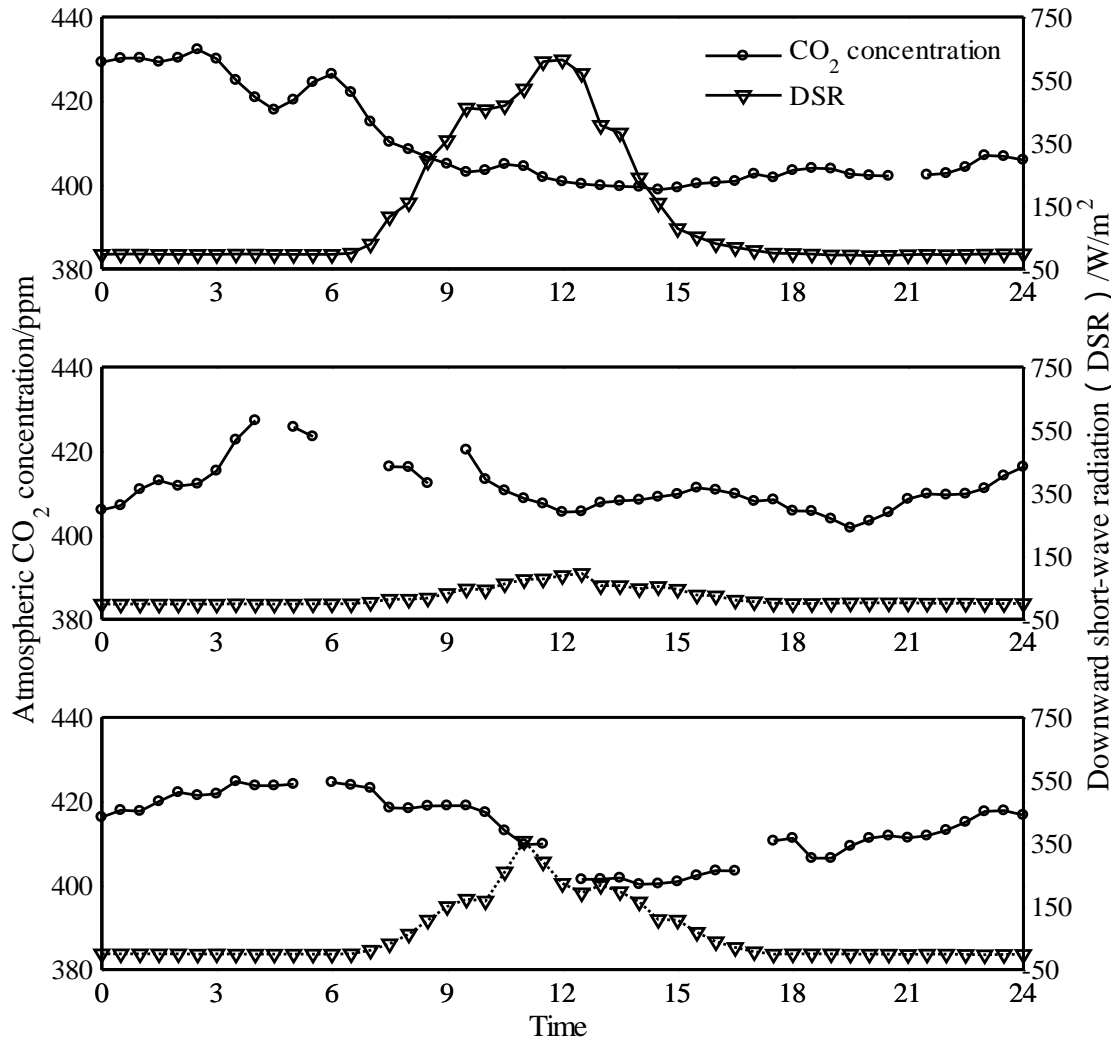


Fig. 4. Different diurnal variations of atmospheric CO₂ concentration before and after a precipitation event at MLW (three days in Nov 2014)

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3.1.2 Seasonal variation

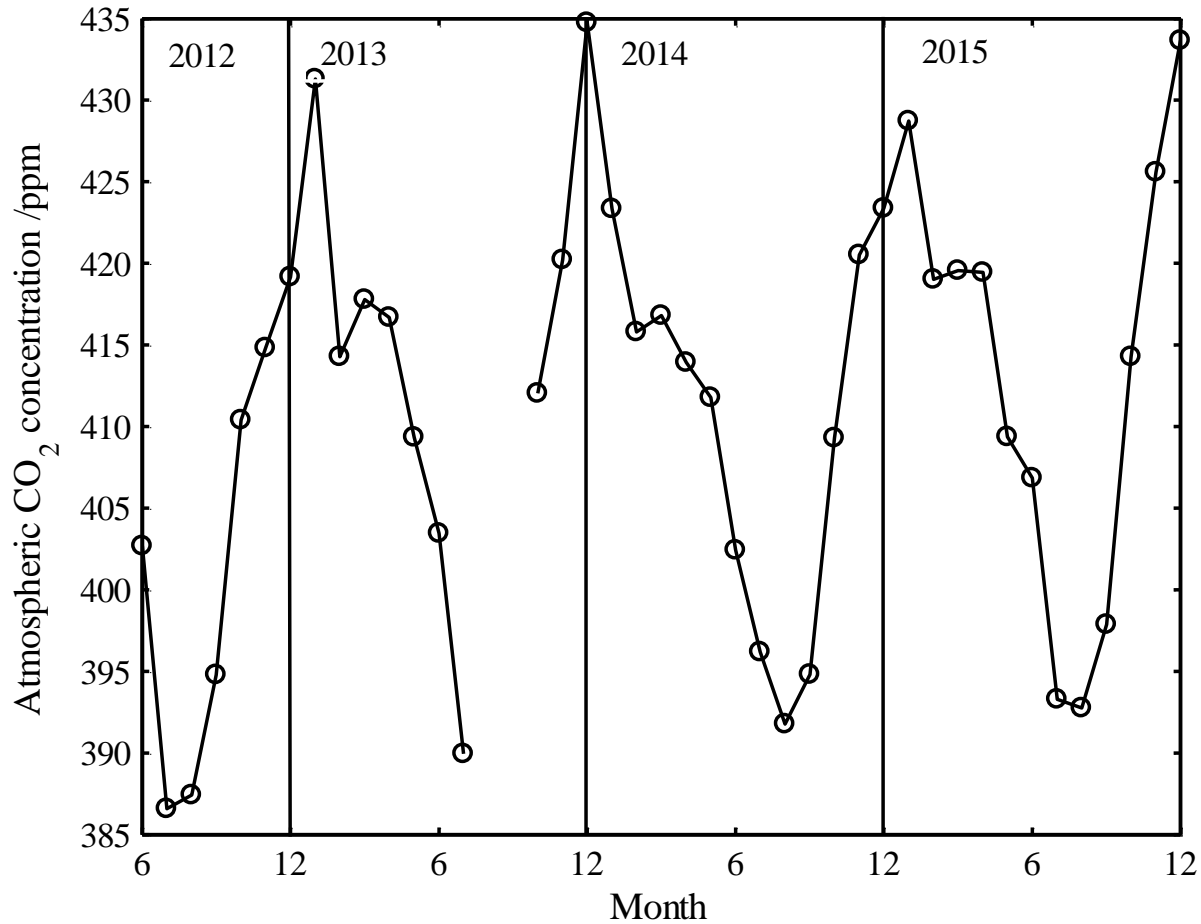


Fig. 5. Diurnal variations of atmospheric CO₂ concentration at MLW (Jun 2012-Dec 2015)

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3.1.3 Interannual variation

Table 1. Interannual variation in valleys, peaks and averages (2013-2015)

Year	Valley value (ppm)	Peak value (ppm)	Annual average (ppm)
2013	—	434.75	414.98 ± 12.89
2014	391.77	423.36	410.00 ± 11.19
2015	392.76	433.66	413.37 ± 13.59
Average	392.26	430.59	412.66 ± 12.37

—. Missing records

0.082%



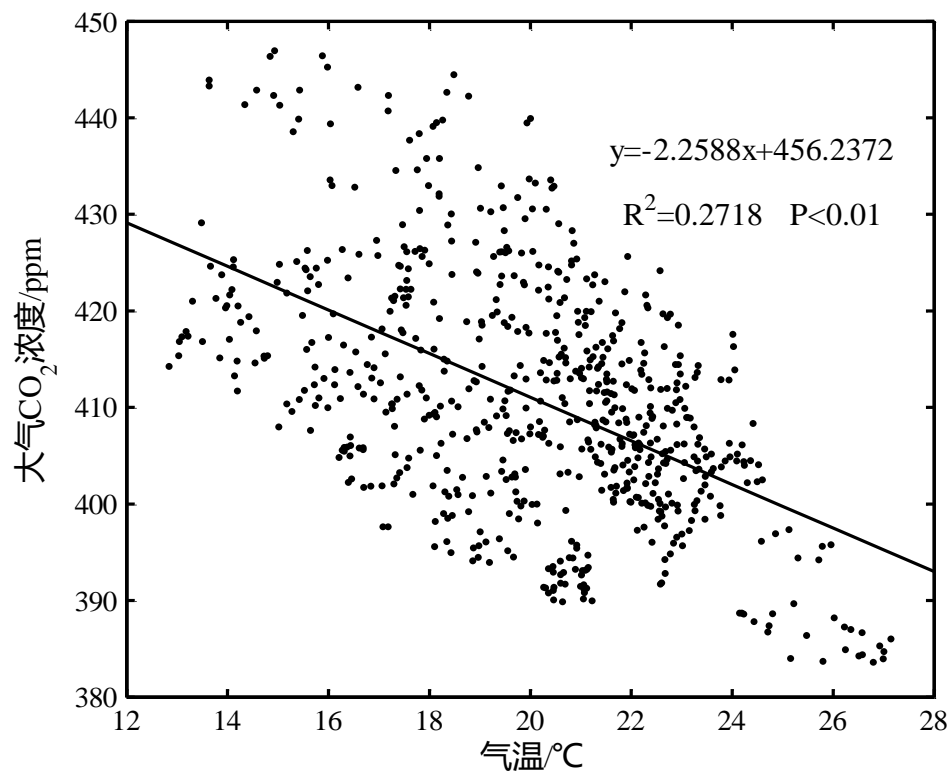
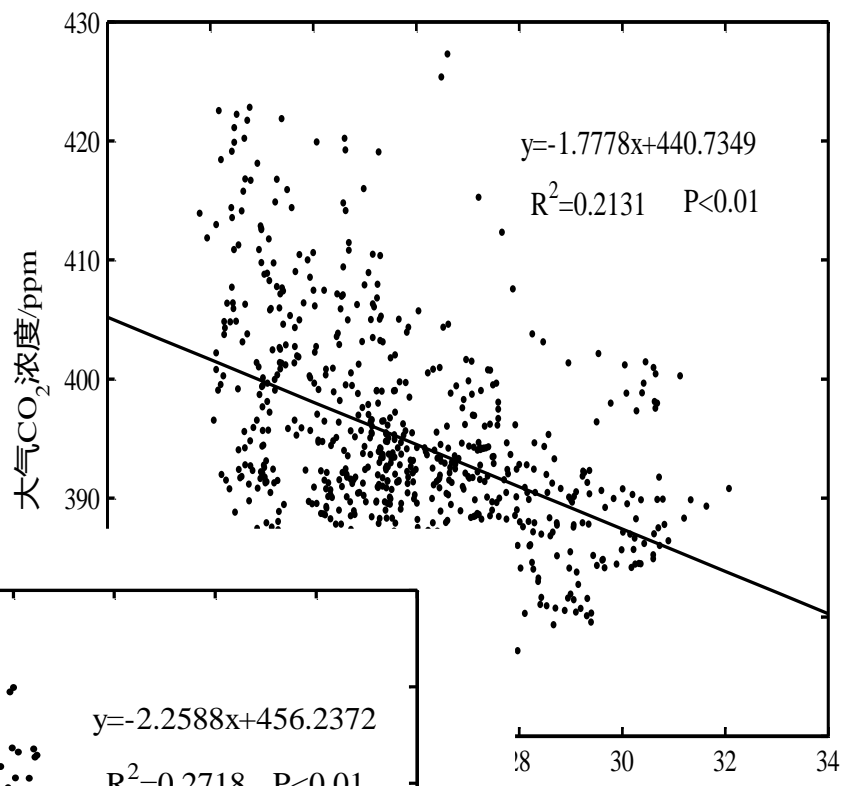
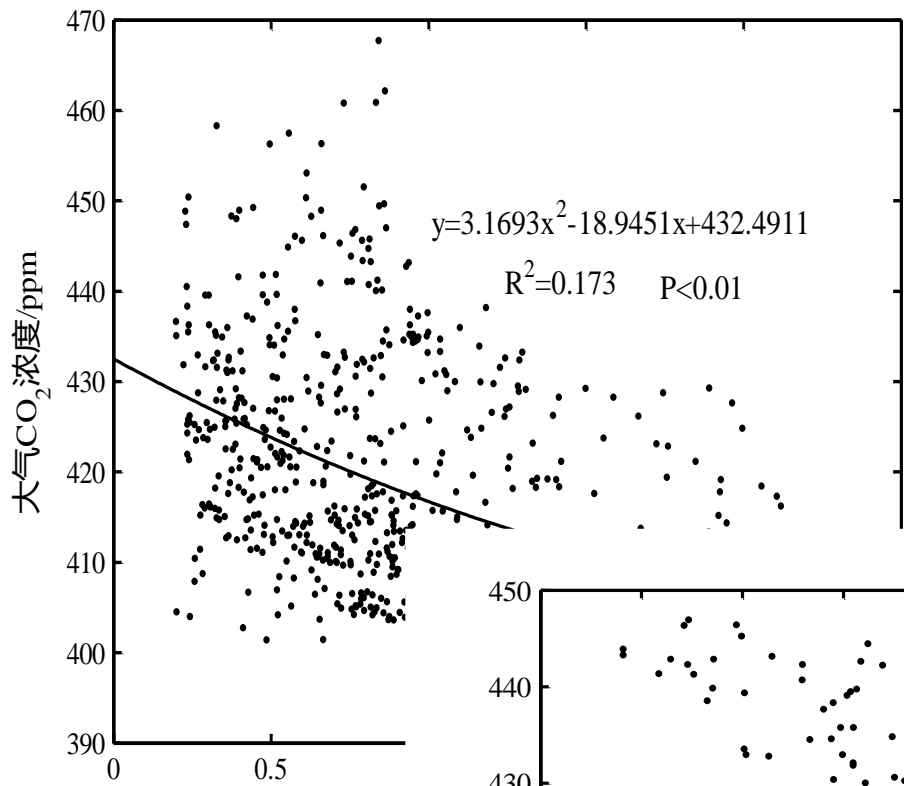
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3.2.1 Main meteorological influencing factors on semi- hour time scale

Table 2. Correlation coefficients between part of meteorological factors and atmospheric CO₂ concentration on semi- hour time scale

	T _a (°C)		T _w (°C)		DSR (w/m ²)	VPD (kPa)		数据量	
	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Day	Night	Day	Night
Spring	-0.277**	-0.118**	-0.267**	-0.129**	-0.138**	-0.42**	-0.246**	2215	1455
Summer	-0.289**	-0.149**	-0.255**	-0.141**	-0.162**	-0.382**	-0.282**	2125	1073
Autumn	-0.682**	-0.547**	-0.711**	-0.573**	-0.272**	-0.628**	-0.519**	1983	1824
Winter	0.115**	0.191**	0.047*	0.067**	0.006	-0.174**	-0.057*	2015	2036

** .Significant correlation on 0.01 level (double side),* .Significant correlation on 0.05 level (double side)



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3.2.2 Main meteorological influencing factors on day time scale

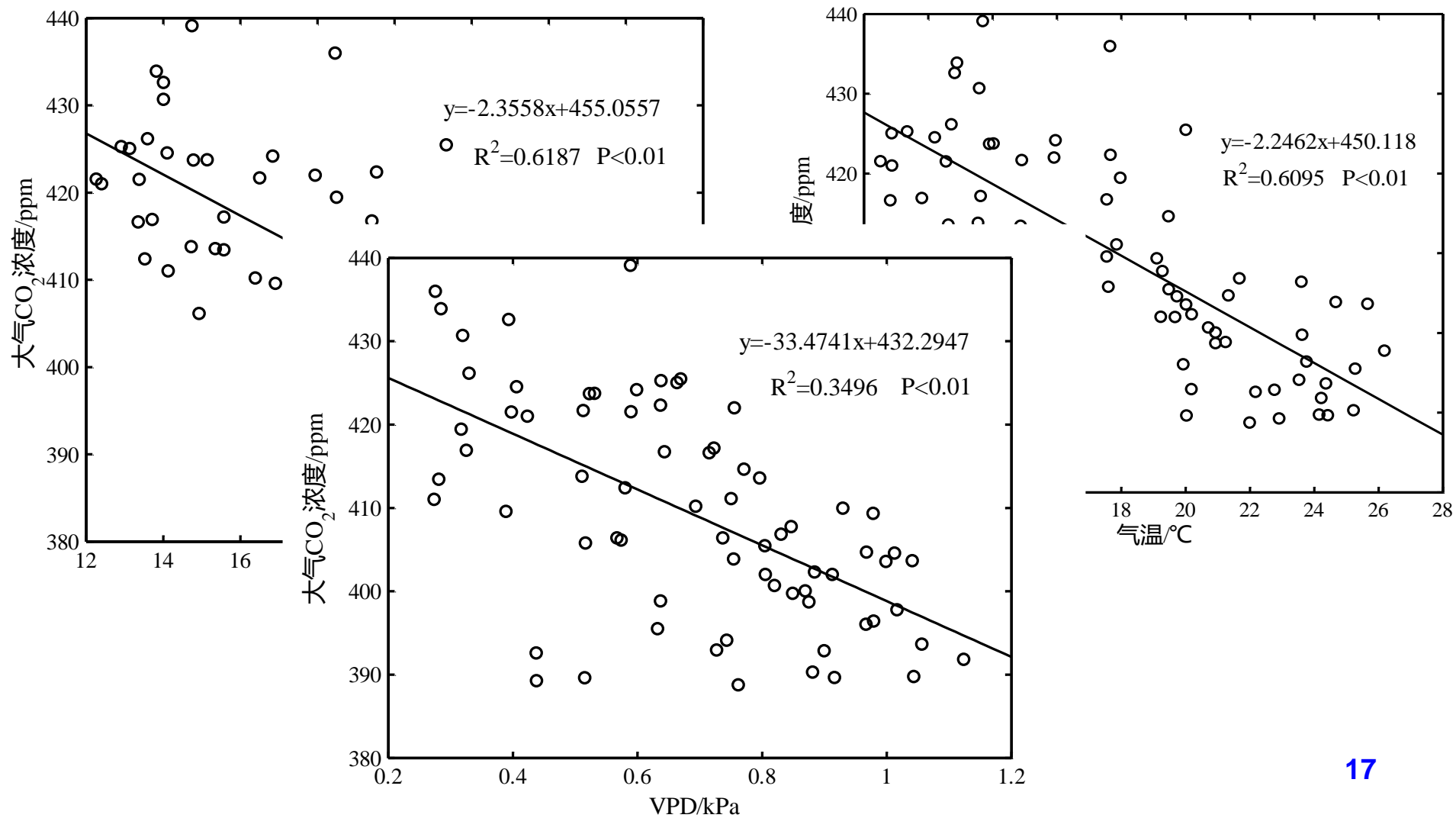
Table 3. Correlation coefficients between part of meteorological factors and atmospheric CO₂ concentration on semi-hour time scale^b

		T_a (°C)	T_w (°C)	DSR (w/m ²)	VPD (kPa)	P (mm)
Spring	C_{aw} (ppm)	-0.102	-0.061	-0.025	-0.221	0.023
Summer		-0.343*	-0.333*	0.199	-0.211	0.117
Autumn		-0.787**	-0.781**	-0.230	-0.591**	-0.015
Winter		0.252*	0.317**	-0.054	0.094	-0.318**

** .Significant correlation on 0.01 level (double side), * .Significant correlation on 0.05 level (double side)

b. Spring N=62, Summer N=42, Autumn N=71, Winter N=87

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3.2.3 Main meteorological influencing factors on month time scale

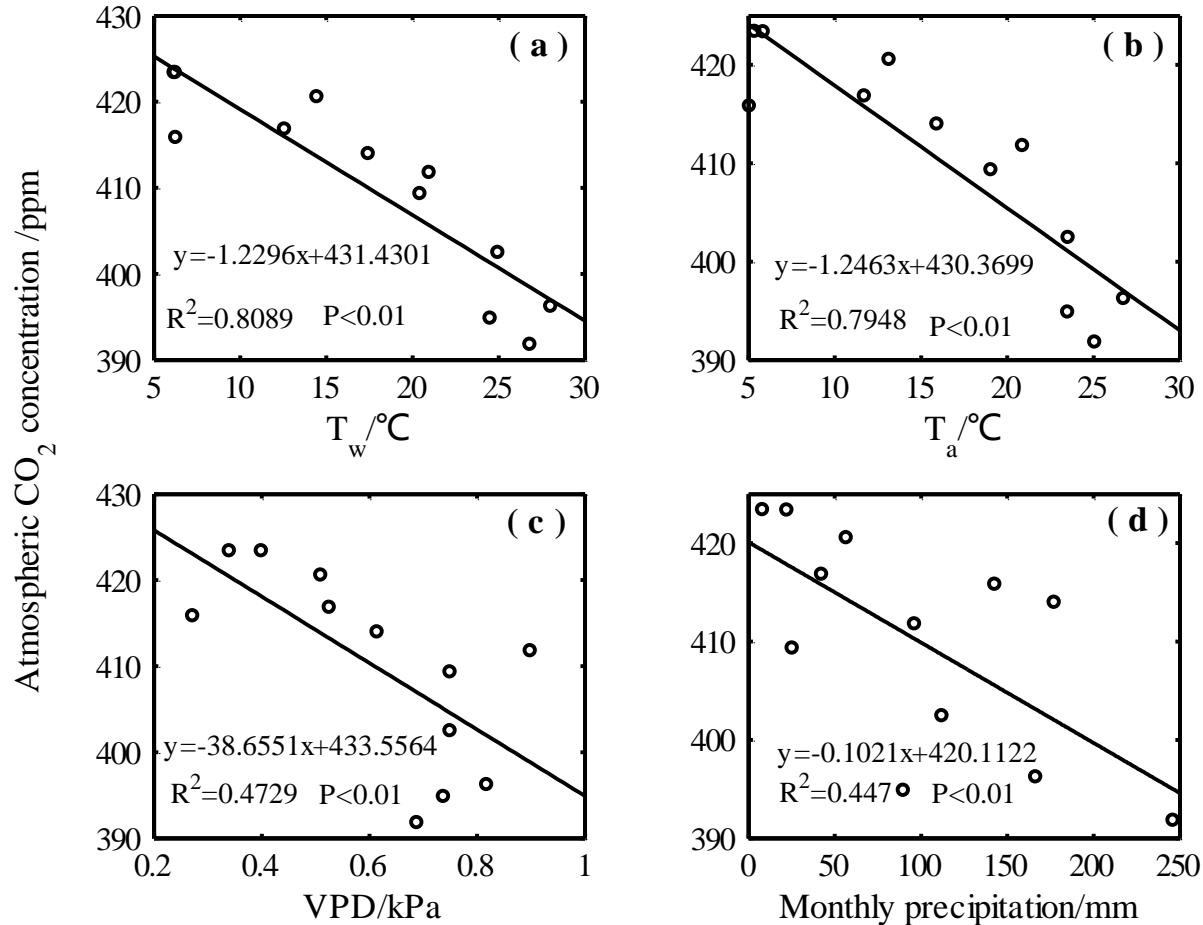


Fig. 11. Regression analysis between part of meteorological factors and atmospheric CO₂ concentration on month time scale

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3.2.4 Influences of CO₂ flux at lake-air interface

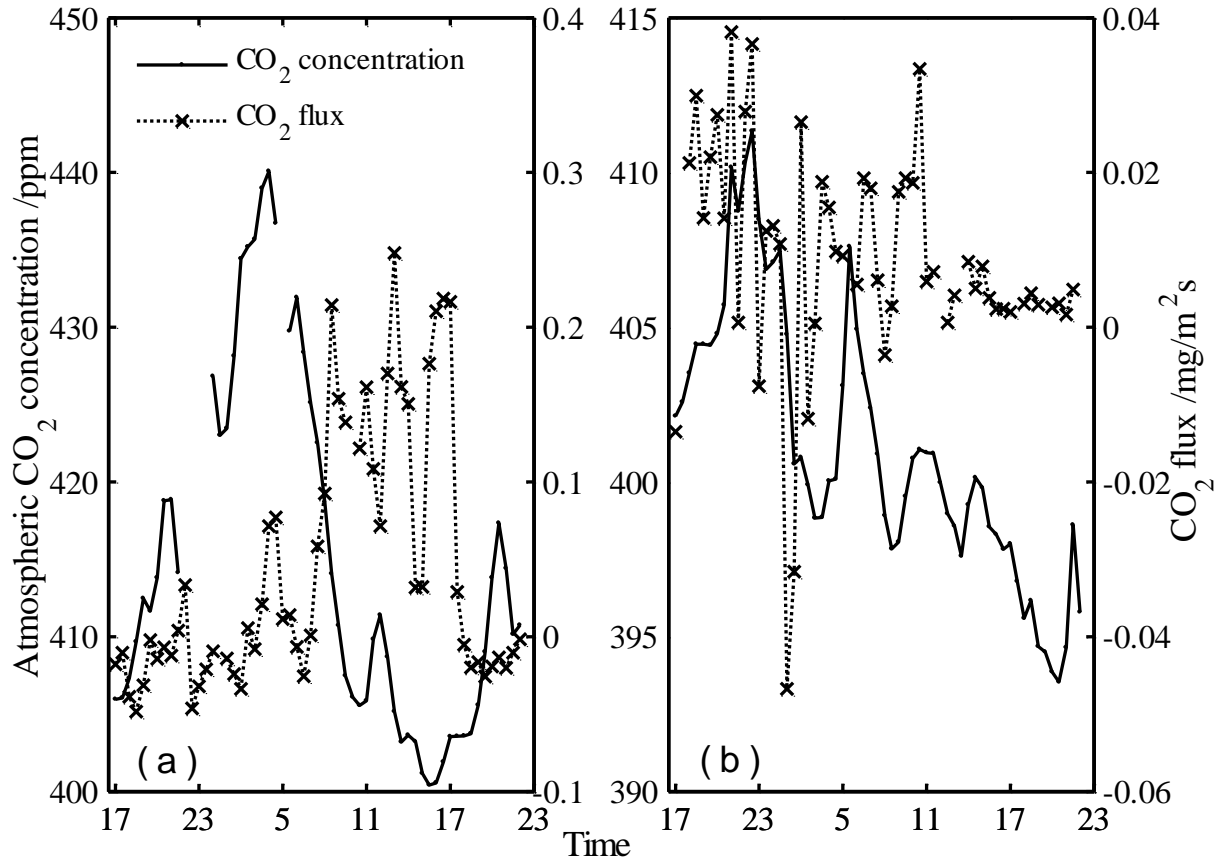


Fig. 11. Analysis of the influences of CO₂ flux at lake-air interface on MLW atmospheric CO₂ concentration under different conditions of wind direction 19
(a) wind from inland, (b) wind from lake)

4 Conclusions

The results had shown in the observation time that :

(1) diurnal changes in MLW presented typical sinusoidal curves, the **peak** appeared at 5:30-8:30, which was **largest in winter** (426.17ppm), **smallest in summer** (408.60ppm), the **valley** appeared at 16:30-18:00, which was **largest in winter** (419.16ppm), **smallest in summer** (391.62ppm), **daily amplitude variations** were largest in **summer and autumn**, which were 16.98 ppm and 16.24 ppm, next to **spring**, which was 13.88 ppm, and smallest in **winter**, which was 7.01 ppm; Moreover, on weekdays and weekends, atmospheric CO₂ concentration had different diurnal changes, as were the same cases on rainy, cloudy and sunny days;

(2) Minimum of MLW atmospheric CO₂ concentration appeared in **July or August** in summer, fluctuating around 392.26 ppm, then gradually increased to highest in **December or January** in winter, which was around 430.59 ppm and reduced in spring again;

(3) MLW atmospheric CO₂ concentration had a **0.082%** increase from 2014 to 2015.

4 Conclusions

(4) On the semi-hour and day time scales, the main factors influencing MLW atmosphere CO₂ concentration were **water temperature**, **air temperature** and **VPD**, and they had different coefficients as season changes; The impacts of downward short-wave radiation on concentration on day time scales were weak, rainfall at the monthly time scales had a significant negative correlation;

(5) In addition to the factors mentioned above, the fluxes above Lake-Air interface were weakly correlated to atmospheric CO₂ concentration, and the extent of impacts from lake were less than that from the land.

5 Innovation & Shortages

1. WS-CRDS
2. Microclimatic observation system
3. Study area

5 Innovation & Shortages

1. Ignorance of water quality factors
2. Low usage in data

Thanks for your
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